

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA.

Statements showing MINIMUM RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR ADULT MALE WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1947. *30th June 1948*

Rates of Wage are quoted from latest Award, Determination or Agreement
in force at 31st December, 1947. *30th June 1948*

SYDNEY.

MELBOURNE.

Industry & Occupation	Rates of Wages per week.	Hrs.	Rates of Wages per week.	Hrs.
WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Cooper	164/- 168/-	44	174/- 185/-	44
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	146/- 166/-	40	156/6 162/6	"
Chair Maker	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
Finish Polisher	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
Wood Carver	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
Wood Mechanist	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
<u>SAMPLING & TIMBER YDS.</u>				
Box and Case Maker	129/- 141/6	44	126/- 140/6	"
Labourer	115/- 124/-	"	112/- 123/-	"
Mechanist				
Bolts Carver	142/- 156/-	"	139/- 155/-	"
Moulding 131/- to 156/-	121/- to 138/-	"	116/- to 135/-	"
Planing 121/- to 156/-	127/- & 136/-	"	130/- & 138/-	"
Shaping	142/- 156/-	"	139/- 155/- 155/-	"
Orderman	129/- 141/6	"	126/- 140/6	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig 143/- to 168/-	130/- to 145/-	"	127/- to 142/-	"
Circular 143/- to 184/6	140/- to 143/-	"	137/- to 145/-	"
Tallyman	129/- 141/6	"	126/- 140/6	"
ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	164/- 168/-	44	161/- 167/-	44
Helper	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
Labourer	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>				
Finisher	153/- 162/-	"	151/- 157/-	"
Moulder	147/- to 164/-	"	144/- to 161/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Armature Winder	142/- 153/-	"	140/- 151/-	"
Fitter	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Linesman	151/6 155/-	"	148/6 153/-	"
Mechanic	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Wireman	151/6 155/-	"	148/6 153/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Armature Winder	170/- 180/-	40	161/- 167/-	"
Instrument Maker	170/- 180/-	"	170/6 182/6	"
Linesman	154/- 174/-	"	148/6 155/-	"
Shift Electrician	170/- 180/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	165/6 168/6	44	162/6 165/6	"
Brassfinisher 153/- to 168/-	147/- to 164/-	"	152/- 161/- & 161/-	"
Coppersmith	165/6 168/6	"	162/6 165/6 167/-	"
Fitter	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Labourer	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
Patternmaker	175/- 181/-	"	174/- 180/-	"
Shapers	164/- 153/2 168/6	"	161/- 152/- 167/-	"
Striker 139/- to 141/-	129/6 to 132/6	"	135/- 136/6 & 139/6	"
Turner	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
<u>MOULDING IRON -</u>				
Coremaker	152/6 to 161/-	"	150/6 to 161/-	"
Labourer	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
Moulder 152/- to 168/-	152/6 to 164/-	"	150/6 to 161/-	"

ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (CONTD).

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MOULDING (STEEL)

Coremaker	134/- 168/-	44-46	134/- 167/-	44-45
Labourer	120/6 137/-	"	123/6 135/-	"
Moulder	134/- 168/-	"	131/- 167/-	"

SHEET METAL WORKING -

Canister Maker	148/- 142/-	"	135/- 141/-	"
Machinist	134/- 138/-	"	131/- 137/-	"
Solderer	135/- & 142/-	"	131/- & 137/-	"
Turner	153/- to 168/-	"	135/- to 161/-	"

FOOD, DRINK, ETC.

BAKING (BREAD) -

Board Hand	167/- 171/6	40	157/6 170/10	40-45
Break Cart (1 horse)	141/- 152/6	"	118/- 126/-	"
Ovenman	174/6 178/6	"	155/6 176/10	"
Single Hand	172/- 176/-	"	163/6 180/-	"

BAKING (BISCUITS & CAKES)

Baker	133/- 148/6	"	133/- 149/-	"
General Labourer	118/- 122/-	"	116/- 132/-	"
Mixer	137/- & 148/-	"	132/- 148/-	"

BREWING -

Cellarmen	140/- & 143/6	"	138/- 144/6	"
Driver (1 horse)	136/- 143/-	"	118/- 126/-	"
Labourer	134/- 140/-	"	135/- 141/-	"
Malt Hand	134/- 140/-	"	140/- 141/-	"
Towerman	137/- 143/-	"	130/- 145/-	"

BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -

Carter (1 horse)	131/- 143/-	44-45	118/- 142/-	"
General Hand	140/- 161/-	"	137/- 160/-	"
Shopman	140/- 161/-	"	137/- 160/-	"
Smallgoodsman	140/- 166/-	"	137/- 165/-	"

CONFECTIONERY -

Journeyman	147/6 151/6	40	135/6 141/6	"
Labourer	121/6 125/6	"	120/- 126/-	"
Storeman	121/- & 147/6	"	125/- to 145/9	"

JAM MAKING -

General Labourer	119/- 124/-	44	119/- 124/-	"
Solderer	126/- 141/-	"	123/- 141/-	"

MEAT PACKING -

Capper	144/6 148/6	40	144/6 151/6	"
Guillotine Hand	123/- 127/-	"	144/6 151/6	"
Jokerman	137/- 141/-	"	144/6 151/6	"
Packer	125/- 129/-	"	144/6 151/6	"
Seamer	144/6 148/6	"	144/6 151/6	"

MILLING (FLOUR)

Miller (Shift)	146/6 & 159/-	44	146/6 & 160/-	"
Packerman	143/6 151/6	"	143/6 151/6	"
Purifierman	134/6 151/6	"	134/6 151/6	"
Smuttermen	134/6 151/6	"	134/6 151/6	"
Storeman (Head)	136/6 & 143/6	"	136/6 & 142/6	"
Topman	134/6 151/6	"	134/6 151/6	"

PASTRYCOOKING -

Packer	124/2 137/6	40	117/- 125/-	"
Pastrycook	138/6 157/6	"	143/- 157/6	"

CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.

BOOTMAKING -				
Bootmaker	139/6 145/-	44-45	139/6 145/-	"
TAILORING (ORDER) -				
Cutter	190/6 192/6	40-42	149/- 172/-	"
Presser	139/- 155/-	44-45	139/- 155/-	"
Tailor	139/- 165/-	"	139/- 165/-	"
TAILORING (READYMADE) -				
Cutter	143/- 159/-	"	142/- 159/-	"
Presser	139/- 155/-	"	139/- 155/-	"
Tailor	139/- 165/-	"	139/- 165/-	"
Trimmer	139/- 155/-	"	139/- 155/-	"
TEXTILE WORKING -				
WOOLLEN MILLS)				
Carder	124/- 129/-	"	124/- 129/-	"
Dyeingman	124/- 141/-	"	124/- 141/-	"

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TEXTILE WORKING (contd)

Labourer (General)	112/- 117/-	44 1/2	112/- 117/-	44 1/2
Scourer	124/- to 131/-	"	124/- to 131/-	"
Spinner	124/- 129/-	"	124/- 129/-	"
Tuner	119/- to 144/-	"	119/- to 144/-	"
Warper	126/- 136/-	"	126/- 136/-	"

BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING ETC.

BOOKBINDING -

Finisher	156/- 166/-	44 1/2	154/- 165/-	44 1/2
Bookbinding (journeyman)	156/- 166/-	"	154/- 165/-	"
Paper Ruler	156/- 166/-	"	154/- 165/-	"

PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)

Compositor -	178/6 194/6	40 1/2	178/6 194/6	38
Day Work	188/6 204/6	"	188/6 204/6	33
Night Work				
Machinist -				
Day Work	178/6 194/6	"	181/- 183/-	40
Night Work	188/6 204/6	"	193/- 195/-	38
Publisher	158/6 & 168/6	"	158/6 & 168/6	38 & 40
Reader -	174/6 184/6		174/6 184/6	
Day Work	186/6 202/6	"	186/6 202/6	40
Night Work	196/6 212/6	"	196/6 212/6	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	171/- 187/-	"	168/6 170/6	39
Night Work	181/- 197/-	"	183/6 185/6	38

PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES)

Compositor	156/- & 165/-	44 1/2	154/- & 165/-	44 1/2
Linotype Operator	165/- 177/-	"	163/- 176/-	"
Machinist	156/- 166/-	"	154/- 165/-	"
Reader	159/- 170/-	"	157/- 169/-	"
Stereotyper	156/- 166/-	"	154/- 165/-	"

OTHER MANUFACTURING

BRICKMAKING -

Burner	142/- 146/-	40	137/- 142/-	40
Clayholeman	139/3 153/3	"	136/- 152/-	"
Drawer	142/- 157/-	"	142/- & 146/6	"
Trucker	136/6 151/6	"	138/3 149/6	"
Setter	142/- 157/-	"	142/- & 146/6	"

COACHMAKING -

Bodymaker	156/6 & 161/-	44 1/2	155/6 & 161/-	44 1/2
Labourer	115/- 117/-	"	112/- 117/-	"
Painter	144/6 & 158/6	"	141/6 & 153/6	"
Springmaker	164/- 165/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Trimmer	158/6 162/6	"	155/6 161/6	"
Wheelwright	158/6 162/6	"	155/6 161/6	"

GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -

Coke Trimmer	124/- 128/-	"	120/- 128/-	"
Gasfitter	151/- 165/-	"	144/6 172/-	"
Labourer	115/- 122/-	"	112/- 121/-	"
Meter Tester	123/- to 133/-	"	119/3 162/-	"
Service Layer	138/- 151/-	"	131/- 150/-	"
Service Layers' Labourer	120/- 129/-	"	120/- 128/-	"
Stoker	136/- 148/-	"	123/- to 136/-	"

JEWELLERY -

Chainmaker	138/- 166/-	40 1/2	151/6 167/-	"
Mounter	138/- 166/-	"	151/6 167/-	"
Setter	138/- 170/-	"	151/6 157/6	"

SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING

Collar Maker	146/- 156/-	44 1/2	143/- 155/-	"
Harness Maker	143/- 156/-	"	143/- 155/-	"

TANNING AND CURRYING -

Beamsmen	136/- 151/-	"	133/- 150/-	"
Labourer	125/- 127/-	"	125/- 126/-	"
Limeman	134/- 144/-	"	134/- 140/-	"
Machinist -	152/- to 153/-	"	151/- to 157/-	"
Shaving	152/- to 153/-	"	151/- to 157/-	"

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TANNING & CURRING contd -

Splitting	158/-	160/-	44 40	157/-	162/-	44 40
Unhairing	147/-	150/-	"	145/-	150/-	"
Tableman	136/-	151/-	"	136/-	150/-	"
	146/- & 152/-	131/- & 137/-	"	131/- & 137/-		"

BUILDING

Bricklayer	180/-	182/-	40	167/-	170/10	44 40
Carpenter	180/-	182/-	"	164/-	176/6	"
Mason (Stone)	192/2	176/2	"	181/6	200/2	"
Painter	167/3	171/9	"	163/8	171/-	"
Paperhanger	167/9	171/9	"	168/8	191/-	"
Signwriter	175/1	179/1	"	166/-	191/-	"
Plasterer	170/6	182/-	"	168/8	191/2	"
Plumber	174/-	183/-	"	184/8	186/11	"
Labourer -						
Bricklayer's	153/8	141/6	44 40	140/3	140/6	"
Carpenter's	153/8	141/6	"	140/3	140/6	"
Concrete Worker	153/8	141/6	"	140/3	140/6	"
Earth Excavator	153/8	141/6	"	140/3	140/6	"
Gear Worker	161/-	150/6	"	152/2	149/6	"
Scaffold Hand	161/-	150/6	"	152/2	149/6	"

RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES.

RAILWAYS -

Engine Driver Loco -	205/-	208/-		171/-	206/-	
1st Class	192/-	201/-	Ø	180/-	198/-	Ø
2nd Class	183/-	171/-	Ø	180/-	188/-	Ø
3rd Class	171/-	190/-	Ø	171/-	179/-	Ø
Fireman -	158/-	151/-		149/-	156/-	
1st Class	144/-	151/-	Ø	141/-	to 148/-	Ø
2nd Class	138/-	153/-	Ø	135/-	143/-	Ø
3rd Class	132/-	151/-	Ø	129/-	137/-	Ø
Guard -						
1st Class	155/-	172/6	Ø	152/-	172/6	Ø
2nd Class	140/-	to 149/-	Ø	137/-	to 146/-	Ø
3rd Class	140/-	to 146/-	Ø	137/-	to 146/-	Ø
Porter -	132/-	to 159/6		114/8	to 144/6	Ø
Shunter -				750/6	to 152/-	Ø
1st Class	171/-	to 174/-	Ø	150/6	to 157/6	Ø
2nd Class	163/6	to 166/6	Ø	143/-	to 146/-	Ø
3rd Class	144/-	to 156/6	Ø	123/-	to 155/6	Ø
Signalman -						
1st Class	183/-	153/-	Ø	167/6	159/6	Ø
2nd Class	177/-	141/6	Ø	138/6	126/6	Ø
3rd Class	171/-	145/6	Ø	132/6	129/6	Ø
TRAMWAYS -						
Conductor -						
1st Year	131/-	134/-	Ø	124/-	132/-	Ø
2nd Year	124/-	136/-	Ø	127/-	141/-	Ø
3rd Year	129/-	137/-	Ø	130/-	144/-	Ø
Labourer	131/-	137/-	Ø	130/-	144/-	Ø
Maintenance Men	118/-	124/-	Ø	118/-	132/-	Ø
Motorman -	118/-	124/-	Ø	127/-	141/-	Ø
1st Year	124/6	146/6	Ø	124/-	138/-	Ø
2nd Year	124/6	146/6	Ø	127/-	141/-	Ø
3rd Year	124/6	146/6	Ø	130/-	144/-	Ø
Pitmen	135/-	149/-	Ø	136/-	152/-	Ø

Ø 88 hours per fortnight

TRANSPORT (OTHER)

CARRYING MERCHANDISE -

Carter -						
1 horse	126/-	142/-	40	117/-	127/-	40
2 horses	133/-	147/-	"	124/6	133/6	"
Stable hand	127/6	to 132/6	"	113/-	120/6	"
Motor Lorries & Waggon -	141/6	to 146/6	"			"
under 3 tons	130/-	to 140/-	"	124/6	to 130/6	"
	144/-	154/-		152/9		

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<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING - MERCHANDISE -</u>				
contd.	158/- 162/-			
3 tons and over	144/- to 148/-	40	135/- 162/9	44
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>	141/12 146/12		141/12 to 146/12	
Wharf Labourer (Per hour)				
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	126/- 132/-	40	123/- 145/-	44
Billiard Marker	114/- 127/6	"	117/6 135/-	"
Cook	135/- to 227/-	"	127/6 to 250/-	"
Handyman	114/- 127/6	"	117/6 135/-	"
Kitchenman	116/- 129/6	"	117/6 135/-	"
Porter	114/- & 127/-	"	117/6 135/-	"
Waiter	114/- & 121/-	"	117/6 & 127/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Full hand	128/- 132/-	"	127/6 172/6	47
Hairstresser	133/- 142/-	"	135/- 142/-	48
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -	153/- 159/6		152/- 158/6	
1st Class	126/6 & 127/-	44	126/6 & 127/6	44
2nd Class	134/- & 136/6	"	131/- & 136/6	"
Fireman -	140/- 141/-		147/- 152/-	
1st Class	134/- 143/6	"	131/- 147/6	"
2nd Class	128/6 142/-	"	125/6 142/-	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	124/- 137/6	40	118/- 131/6	"
Street Sweeper	124/- 139/-	"	117/- 131/6	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	135/- 146/6	"	132/6 144/6	44
Drapery Salesman	135/- 146/6	"	137/- 147/-	43 1/2
Furniture Salesman	135/- 146/6	"	140/- 150/-	46
Grocery Salesman	135/- 146/6	"	138/- 139/-	44
Hardware Salesman	135/- 146/6	"	138/- 144/6	"
Mens Clothing Salesmen	135/- 146/6	"	138/- 147/6	43 1/2
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	126/6 & 136/6	"	125/6 131/-	44
Storeman (General)	127/- & 133/6	"	125/6 131/-	44
	141/- 142/6			

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